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SUBJECT: LEAD TO UKRANIAN EMIGRE

1. ON 18 SEPTEMBER, EMBASSY POLOFF RICH STEPHENSON ADVISED STATION OF CONTACT OF POTENTIAL INTEREST. ACCORDING TO POLOFF, IOSIP MIKHAYLOVICH ((TERELYA)) (DOB: 1943), WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE SERVED AS CENTRAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN OF THE UNDERGROUND UKRANIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION SINCE 1976, PLANNED TO LEAVE THE USSR, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN ON 18 SEPT. TERELYA WILL FLY TO AMSTERDAM, WITH ULTIMATE PLANS TO SETTLE IN CANADA. (THERE IS A KLM FLIGHT DEPARTING MOSCOW EVERY FRIDAY FOR AMSTERDAM.)

2. DURING ENCOUNTER WITH STEPHENSON AT THE APARTMENT OF A FORMER POLITICAL PRISONER (NFI) ON 15 SEPTEMBER, TERELYA STATED THAT HE HAD ATTEMPTED, WITHOUT SUCCESS, TO PUT US EMBASSY'S POLITICAL SECTION IN TOUCH WITH UKRANIAN WHO PURPORTEDLY DEBRIEFED SWEDISH DIPLOMAT RAOUL ((WALLENBERG)) IN 1945. TERELYA WOULD NOT DIVULGE NAME OF THE UKRANIAN IN QUESTION DURING THEIR DISCUSSION. HE CLAIMED THAT WALLENBERG WAS INITIALLY INTERROGATED BY ONE (FNU) ((OTTENBERG)), A FORMER SWEDISH NATIONAL AND MAJOR IN SMERSH WITH THE 30TH ARMY. ACCORDING TO SUBJECT, SOVIETS PURPOSELY CONCEALED OTTENBERG'S ACTUAL UNIT, LISITNG HIM WITH THE 18TH ARMY. TERELYA FURTHER ASSERTED THAT FROM 1945 TO 1954 WALLENBERG WAS INTERROGATED BY A LIEUTENANT (FNU) ((SENIGEV)), WHO WAS KILLED (NFI) IN 1979. ACCORDING TO TERELYA, HIS UKRANIAN SOURCE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE 30TH ARMY AND LATER WITH THE "CZECHOSLOVAKIAN KORPUS".

3. ON MORE IMMEDIATE INTEREST, TERELYA CLAIMED SOME KNOWLEDGE OF SOVIET SOI CONSTRUCTION AT LENINSK (REPORTEDLY NOT ON MAPS), APPROXIMATELY 90 KILOMETERS (DIRECTION UNKNOWN) FROM BAYKANUR IN THE KIZIL-ORDINSKAY OBLAST. HE CLAIMED THAT PORTION OF CONSTRUCTION WAS 6-7 FLOORS BELOW GROUND.

4. SEPARATELY, TERELYA STATED THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE BUILT A DEFENSE COMMAND HEADQUARTERS IN CHEKHOV NEAR MOSCOW.

5. ACCORDING TO EMBASSY POLOFF, TERELYA EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO TALK MORE OPENLY ONCE IN THE WEST. HE HAD NO ADDRESS IN HOLLAND OR CANADA BUT INDICATED THAT HE COULD BE CONTACTED VIA:

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6. UNFORTUNATELY, 15 SEPTEMBER MEETING AT FORMER POLITICAL PRISONER'S APARTMENT WAS INTERRUPTED BY UNIFORMED MILITIAMAN AND PLAINCLOTHESMAN (WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS A PEOPLE'S DEPUTY) BOTH OF WHOM HAD OSTENSIBLY COME TO DISCUSS FORMER PRISONER'S LEGAL PROBLEMS. IDENTIFICATION WAS DEMANDED OF ALL PRESENT, INCLUDING POLOFF. THE NAMES OF ALL WERE CAREFULLY NOTED AND THE TWO LEFT AFTER 15-20 MINUTES.

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7. IT IS NOT CERTAIN HOW ABOVE INCIDENT WILL IMPACT UPON  
TERELYA'S CHANCES OF EMIGRATION. STATION WILL FOLLOW-UP WITH  
STEPHENSON TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT HE LEFT USSR AS SCHEDULED ON  
18 SEPTEMBER. WE WILL ADVISE.

8. NO STATION TRACES. REQUEST HQS' TRACES

9. INDEX: TERELYA, WALLENBERG, OTTENBERT, SENIGEV.

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